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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
 (Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
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Serge Antonov and Steven G. LeMay

For: **3-D TEXT IN A GAMING MACHINE**

Assigned to : IGT

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 09/927,901, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/414,982 filed September 30, 2002.

Application Elements:☒ **78** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract☒ **16** Sheets of formal Drawings☐ Declaration☐ Newly executed☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
☐ Power of Attorney
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
☐ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
☒ Return Receipt Postcard
☐ Other:

Amendments

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-part ☐ Divisional
application of co-pending prior
☐ Application No. filed on ,
☐ International Application filed on which
designated the United States,
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☒ **PLEASE DEFER THE FILING FEES AT THIS TIME.**

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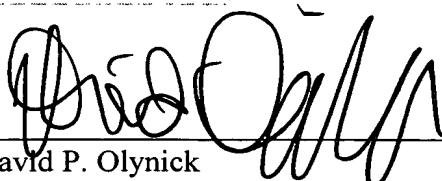
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. IGT1P086).

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